

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

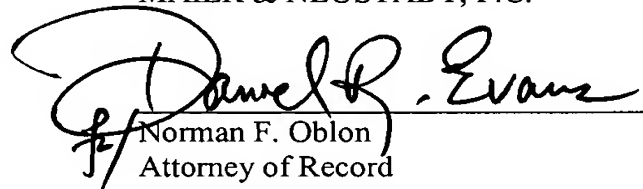
The rejection of the claims 15, 20, and 22 [under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)] as being anticipated by Otoshi et al. (JP -362158756A) is obviated by way of amendment. It is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

It is believed that the claims are now in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable indication of allowance is requested.

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